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BRIEFING: July 2010 BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM #12

TO: Chairman Pringle and Authority Board Members

FROM: Carrie L. Bowen, Deputy Director

DATE: July 8, 2010

RE: Fresno to Bakersfield Section Preliminary Alternatives Analysis

Fresno to Bakersfield Preliminary Alternatives Analysis

This agenda item clarifies that the agenda notice, as well as the presentation and recommendations for the June 2010 Board meeting presented in the Preliminary Alternatives Analysis (AA) Report for the Fresno to Bakersfield Section, included alignments, stations options, and maintenance facility sites – both those to be studied and those not to be studied in the HST project Draft EIR/EIS. This item provides the public further opportunity to comment on the preliminary alternatives in this section, particularly the heavy maintenance sites. The full Fresno to Bakersfield Preliminary Alternatives Analysis was posted on the CHSRA web site on June 3, 2010.

Authority staff has recommended the alignment, station, and heavy maintenance facility alternatives in the Executive Summary of the Preliminary AA Report be carried forward for detailed study in the Fresno to Bakersfield Section HST Project EIR/EIS. See attached Executive Summary.

At a future Board meeting, Authority staff will briefly summarize for the Board the input received on the Preliminary AA Report. At that time staff will either recommend no change to the Preliminary AA Report or will present any recommended changes to the Preliminary AA Report.

Staff Recommendation

Receive public comment. No action necessary.

Attachments:

Preliminary AA Report Executive Summary